

## Message Text

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INFO AMEMBASSY BERLIN  
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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, BQG, AKB  
SUBJECT: HUEBNER CASE: REPLY TO BERLIN CDU CHAIRMAN  
LORENZ

REFS: (A) BONN 7996; (B) USBER 934 (PARA 4);  
(C) USBER 788

1. AS ANTICIPATED (REFS A AND B), THE BONN GROUP HAS  
REACHED AD REF AGREEMENT ON THE SUBSTANCE OF A REPLY TO  
BERLIN CDU CHAIRMAN LORENZ' LETTER (REF C) REGARDING NICO  
HUEBNER. THE US INTRODUCED A DRAFT IN THE BONN GROUP ON  
MAY 19 AND AD REF AGREEMENT WAS REACHED MAY 30. AT THE  
MAY 30 MEETING, THE UK LEGAL ADVISER (EATON) SAID LONDON  
WOULD PREFER THAT THERE BE MINOR STYLISTIC DIFFERENCES  
IN  
THE REPLIES BY THE THREE ALLIES. IT WAS THUS AGREED  
THAT THE TEXT IN PARA 3 BELOW IS TO BE CONSIDERED  
ILLUSTRATIVE RATHER THAN AS A TEXT WHICH THE THREE  
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ALLIES WOULD NECESSARILY USE VERBATIM.

2. IT WAS ALSO AGREED AD REF THAT THE ALLIES SHOULD  
SEND THREE SEPARATE REPLIES, RATHER THAN ONE REPLY BY  
THE ALLY IN THE CHAIR ON BEHALF OF ALL THREE. (EATON  
SAID LONDON WOULD NOT CONSIDER IT APPROPRIATE FOR AN  
OFFICIAL OF ANOTHER GOVERNMENT TO REPLY TO A LETTER

ADDRESSED TO THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER.) ON  
THE QUESTION OF LEVEL, IT WAS AGREED AD REF THAT THE  
REPLIES SHOULD BE SIGNED BY THE ALLIED MINISTERS IN  
BERLIN.

3. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT AGREED AD REF BY THE BONN  
GROUP.

BEGIN TEXT

I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO REPLY TO YOUR LETTER OF APRIL

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3 TO (PRESIDENT CARTER) CONCERNING MR. NICO HUEBNER, A  
RESIDENT OF THE SOVIET SECTOR OF BERLIN WHO REFUSED  
INDUCTION INTO THE GDR VOLKSARMEE ON THE BASIS OF THE  
DEMILITARIZED STATUS OF BERLIN AND WHO WAS PLACED IN  
CONFINEMENT IN THE SOVIET SECTOR AS A RESULT OF THIS  
ACTION.

WE UNDERSTAND THE CONCERN WHICH PROMPTED YOUR REQUEST  
THAT STEPS BE TAKEN TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF HERR

HUEBNER. UNFORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, AS WE HAVE KNOWN FOR 30 YEARS, SOVIET OBSTRUCTION HAS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE, DESPITE OUR EFFORTS, FOR THE ALLIED KOMMANDATURA TO CARRY OUT ITS DEISIONS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE CITY. THIS, AS I AM SURE YOU RECOGNIZE, IS THE REALITY OF THE SITUATION WITH WHICH WE HAVE TO DEAL.

IT IS NEVERTHELESS THE POSITION OF MY GOVERNMENT,  
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AND THAT OF THE BRITISH AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS, THAT DEMILITARIZATION APPLIES TO ALL FOUR SECTORS OF BERLIN. THIS IS WELL KNOWN AND HAS BEEN REPEATED OFTEN BY THE ALLIES, MOST RECENTLY ON MAY 2 OF THIS YEAR. THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES ARE IN NO DOUBT THAT THE ALLIED POSITION REMAINS UNCHANGED.

END TEXT

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL OF THE TEXT, LEVEL, AND APPROACH TO BE USED IN DELIVERING THE REPLY.  
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